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PEARY DOUBTS TRUTH OF COOK'S STORY THAT HE REACHED THE POLE

Sends Wireless Dispatch to Associated Press Stating Brooklyn Man Went No Great Distance North and Was Never Out of Sight of Land--Claims He Secured This Information From Two Eskimos Who Accompanied Him on Trip--Details Still Lacking.

New York, Sept. 8.—The following dispatch sent from Indian Harbor via Cape Race by wire, less and dated September 7, was received early today:

"To Melville E. Stone, general manager Associated Press, New York:
"I have nailed the Stars and Stripes to North Pole. This is authoritative and correct. Dr. Cook's story should not be taken too seriously. Two Eskimos who accompanied him say he went no great distance north and was not out of sight of land. Other members of the tribe corroborate their story."
(Signed) "PEARY."

Commander Peary's dispatch to the Associated Press gives his first expression concerning the claim of Cook that he reached the pole nearly a year prior to Peary. The latest telegram is hardly less notable than the first announcement, as it gives in concrete form Peary's doubts of the authenticity of Cook's announcement and is the first expression of opinion from one in position to know the facts of the Arctic region on which Cook's claims are based. It contains a direct intimation that Cook never reached the pole at all. The dispatch was in answer to a message sent by wireless to Indian Harbor by the Associated Press within a few minutes of the receipt of Peary's first telegram and carrying the first news to Peary of Cook's claims.

Sails From Indian Harbor
Indian Harbor, Labrador, Sept. 8.—Commander R. E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, and his party, sailed today for North Sydney, Nova Scotia, their ship, the Roosevelt, having been detained here by a heavy gale. Since Peary went north, telegraph service to Chateau Bay has been discontinued and the nearest wire which he can

reach is at Red Bay, twenty miles south of Chateau Bay. If he goes direct to North Sydney it is not believed his full story of the discovery of the pole will be received for at least three days.

To Stop at Battle Harbor
Battle Harbor, via Cape Race Wireless Station, Sept. 8.—The Roosevelt, having on board Commander Peary, which left Indian Harbor at noon today, will reach here sometime today, and will stop to take on coal. It is absolutely necessary that the vessel put in this harbor for that purpose.

Sends Message to London
London, Sept. 8.—The Reuter Telegraph company received a telegram from Peary today sent from Indian Harbor, announcing that Cook's Arctic expedition went no considerable distance north and was never out of sight of land. From this it is evident that Peary does not believe Cook's story that he (Cook) reached the north pole.

The direct challenge to Cook's story cabled by Peary today has given a marked impetus to the growing tendency in scientific circles to regard Cook's claims with suspicion. The papers are almost unanimous in their statements that Peary's message has thrown down the fabrication built up by Cook and that it marks the beginning of a controversy which will be historic. All state that Cook's lecture in Copenhagen last night was disappointing so far as convincing proof was concerned.

"Don't Worry About Cook"
New York, Sept. 8.—The text of a private telegram from Peary to his wife today reads:

"Delayed by gale. Don't worry about Cook. Eskimos say Cook never left sight of land. Tribe confirms. Meet me at Sydney."

German Explorer Defends Cook
Berlin, Sept. 8.—Herr Baschin, the German explorer, in an interview today says most German scientists cannot understand the attack on Dr. Cook by Peary, as it is not the custom to attribute falsehoods to explorers in unknown regions. Most of the polar discoveries are made by an explorer alone, or with a few Eskimos. The measurements of Peary and Cook were taken alone and no witness is in

***** SPRINGER ORO DREDGE CASE IS APPEALED *****

(Special Dispatch)
Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 8.—Frank H. Jones, trustee, today appealed to the United States supreme court the case against Frank Springer, of Las Vegas, which recently went against him in a decision handed down by the New Mexico supreme court and which involves the sale of the Oro Dredge on the Moreno placers in Colfax county to Springer for \$5,000.

a position to verify the measurements. The English attack on Cook is attributed to the jealousy of the two American discoverers.

Knew of Peary's Success
Copenhagen, Denmark Sept. 8.—The local newspapers publish letters from Greenland in which it is stated that Cook was in an extreme state of nervousness and anxiety while awaiting a steamer to civilization, because he had heard a report while in the far north that Peary had reached the pole and he wanted his own announcement to be made first.

Dr. Norman Hansen, who was with Cook on the steamer, says he saw diaries of his observations on board, but he, himself, was ignorant as to such matters. He says no report was current in Greenland that Cook did not reach the pole.

Dr. Cook told the Associated Press today he would answer no charges till he knew the real nature and whence they came. He said he would then be prepared to make a complete reply.

Jensen Believes Cook
Bangsard Jensen, inspector of Danish North Greenland, told the Associated Press today that he was perfectly convinced of the truth of Dr. Cook's narrative. Jensen first heard that Cook had reached the pole from Eskimos. He then met Cook, who confirmed the story.

BALLINGER-PINCHOT ROW NOT SETTLED

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 8.—President Taft will have a final conference with Secretary of the Interior R. A. Ballinger this afternoon, prior to Mr. Ballinger's return to Washington. It is said that no settlement of his controversy with Chief Forester Pinchot is in sight. The president will act only after considering every phase of the situation which has arisen over the manner in which the interior department is carrying out the Roosevelt conservation policies.

ABERNATHY YOUNGSTERS HIT THE TRAIL FOR GUTHRIE

Louis Abernathy, aged nine, and his kid brother, Temple, aged five, accompanied by their father, John R. Abernathy, U. S. marshal for the western district of Oklahoma, and incidentally the man who has gained a world-wide reputation for catching wolves with his bare hands, arrived in Las Vegas last evening about 6:30 o'clock, coming across the mountains from Santa Fe, where for the past few days the boys have been guests at the executive mansion, where they were wined and dined by Governor Curry.

The details of the wonderful endurance feat being performed by these youngsters were given too recently by The Optic to need repetition at this time. Suffice to say that the boys started on horseback from their father's ranch, 200 miles southwest of Guthrie, Okla., seven weeks ago for an overland trip to Santa Fe, on instructions from their dad to "toughen up." And they are carrying out his instructions to the letter.

Put Up at Castaneda
When the boys reached here they had covered 1,200 miles of their trip and seemed none the worse for wear. They put up their horses, "Sam" and "Geronimo," at the Clay & Haven

HARRIMAN IS BETTER TODAY

THIS IS TEXT OF BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

A NIGHT OF UNEASINESS

HOME AT ARDEN ABLAZE WITH LIGHTS AND WILD RUMORS WERE AFLOAT

CONDITION STILL CRITICAL

EMPLOYEES ON ESTATE MAKE NO SECRET OF FACT THAT HE IS VERY SICK MAN

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 8.—In answer to a note from the newspapermen, pointing out that wild rumors which were still in circulation, had not been set at rest by previous statements concerning Mr. Harriman's condition Dr. Lyle issued the following signed statement at noon:
"Mr. Harriman is better today."
The welcome blast of the whistle and resumption of work by stone-masons and on the cable railroad gave notice this morning that Mr. Harriman's condition was not so grave today as to demand absolute quiet.

During last night lights in the mansion burned all night and all on watch outside believed the master of the estate lay critically ill. Guards were doubled and none were allowed to approach the house.

While Dr. Lyle, the personal physician, did not talk with visitors, himself, he sent word that there was no need of a new bulletin as there had been no change since the announcement of a relapse on Sunday night. He asserted, however, that Mr. Harriman was in no immediate danger. It was not contradicted, however, that Harriman was a very sick man. Employees on the estate say all regard his condition as extremely critical and there is no doubt but that his vitality is very low. Several noted specialists have made an examination and have decided that there can be no operation till Harriman is stronger.

***** CAPT. FORNOFF CAPTURES ALLEGED NIGHT RIDERS *****

(Special Dispatch)
Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 8.—Captain Fred Fornoff of the territorial mounted police, today lodged in jail at Estancia E. M. Nye and Charles Lee, charged with the recent night riding outrages at Mountainair. Ball was fixed at two thousand dollars for each man. The arrests grew out of the shooting into the house of Mrs. Knapp, a widow, at night time, and the posting of a notice on the door of a certain married man at the same time, warning him to leave the country.

the boys are going to finish their record breaking horseback ride.

When seen by an Optic representative at the Castaneda this afternoon just before he boarded Santa Fe train No. 2 for home, Mr. Abernathy said:
"Well, I can't tell you much about the boys. You should have seen them for they are 'boss' in our family. I tried to get them to go back home on the train with me and ship the horses, but they balked."

Parent Not Worried
Asked if he felt apprehensive concerning the little fellows he answered:
"What's the use. They have gotten along thus far all right and have learned a whole lot about traveling, and I believe they will finish the trip without accident. However, Geronimo, the horse that Temple is riding, is about all in, and he will probably have to make a dicker for a new mount before he goes much further. He watered the pony while it was hot, and as a consequence he is foundered. Sam, the other horse, which ex-President Roosevelt rode when he was my guest in a wolf hunt in the 'Big Pasture' several years ago, is in good shape and Louis will bring him home all right. I am grateful to everyone along the way who have shown my boys so many courtesies, and I know the boys appreciate this feature of their trip even more than do I, and that is saying a great deal."

Mr. Abernathy is a big, handsome man with a southern drawl that is very entertaining. He is one of the big men politically in the new state and has been mentioned for the republican nomination for governor at the next state election in 1911.

SON OF PROMINENT MERCHANT IS DROWNED

Word was received in this city late this afternoon that Willie Doherty, a son of Joe Doherty, a prominent merchant at Folsom, Union county, was yesterday drowned near Trincheria, on the Colorado & Southern railway between Trinidad and Clayton, and that the body had been recovered. Aside from this no details were given.

In a telegram received this afternoon by Gross, Kelly & Company the request was made that word be at once sent to Daniel Cassidy, a merchant at Cleveland, Mora county. It is presumed that either Cassidy or Mrs. Cassidy are near relatives of the victim of the deplorable accident.

The funeral will probably take place at Cleveland.

GEN. CORBIN ANSWERS TAPS

RETIRED ARMY OFFICER DIES IN NEW YORK FOLLOWING OPERATION

HAD BRILLIANT RECORD

HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN CIVIL AND SPANISH-AMERICAN WARS.

HONORED BY CONGRESS

IN 1900 WAS PROMOTED TO MAJOR-GENERAL BY SPECIAL ACT FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

New York, Sept. 5.—General Henry C. Corbin died in Roosevelt Hospital this morning following an operation. He returned from Europe only a few days ago, where he had been under treatment. General Corbin, who would have been sixty-seven years old in a few days, suffered for two years from a renal disorder, which caused his death. The operation was performed Tuesday, and it was supposed to be successful, but weakness of the heart developed at midnight last night and death ensued a few hours later. Mrs. Corbin and ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio, were at his bedside when the end came. The body will be taken to Highwood, the Corbin home near Washington, and burial will be in Arlington. The funeral

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NEW AEROPLANE RECORD MADE BY AMERICAN

Aldershot, England, Sept. 8.—During a dead calm early today, Captain R. S. Cody, an American aviator, in the service of the British army, achieved what is believed to be a world's record for a cross country flight in an aeroplane.

In a machine of his own invention, Cody, remained in the air an hour and three minutes, covering a distance of over forty miles. He crossed valleys, circled the spire of a church and occasionally reached a height of 400 feet. His speed averaged fifty miles an hour. Cody was forced to land because his fuel gave out. His machine was always under perfect control.

BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY FOR HORSE STEALING

Antonio Ortiz and a relative by the same name were yesterday bound over to the district court by Justice Trinidad Sena on the West side in the sum of \$1,000 on the charge of horse stealing.

GOVERNOR CURRY ADVISED AS TO PRESIDENT TAFT'S VISIT

(Special Dispatch.)
Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 8.—Governor Curry today received personal notification and instructions as to the coming visit of President Taft and party to New Mexico. Included in the notification was the rules to be observed in conducting the celebration during the president's stay in Albuquerque. The personnel of the president's party will include Secretary of State Knox, Postmaster General Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, and John Hays Hammond. Secretary of Commerce and Labor Strauss and Secretary of War Dickinson will join the presidential party at El Paso, Texas.

Others in the party will include Chief James Sloan, Jr., the president's personal body guard, reinforced by several secret service men; Joseph E. Murphy, assistant secretary; Wendell Mischler, stenographer; Charles Wagner, stenographer; Dr. J. J. Richardson, Taft's family physician; Captain Butt, U. S. army; Gerrit Ford, of the New York Central railroad, and the following newspaper men:

Robert Small, of the Associated Press; R. H. Hazard, for the United Press association; William Hooster, for the Hearst news service; Edward Fowler, of the New York Sun; Sherman Allen, of the New York Herald, and Henry Danlap, of the New York World.

DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS REPORTED IN COUNTY OF SAN JUAN

(Special Dispatch)
Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 8.—A special dispatch from Farmington, San Juan county, received here today, says that the Animas and La Plata rivers are out of their banks, the result of the recent heavy rains, and that the worst flood in years is the result.

The big bridge at Blanco is out, together with several bridges on the Animas river, while the bridge at Bloomfield is threatened. Washouts at Cedar Hill have tied up traffic on the Rio Grande railroad between Durango, Colo., and Farmington, and trains on this line have been annulled. The lowlands along the rivers mentioned are inundated for miles, and

ruined and live stock drowned. So far no loss of life has been reported. The damage will reach thousands of dollars.

HUMAN BRUTE GOES TO JAIL IN DEFAULT OF BOND

Vidal Martinez, who is charged with an unspeakable crime against nature, that of sodomy, was arraigned before Justice Pablo Ullbarri and by him bound over to the grand jury in default of a thousand-dollar bond. There seems no doubt of the fellow's guilt and it may be said that the territorial penitentiary at Santa Fe is yawning for him.